MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes _____ no _x

roperty Name: 17816 New Hampshire Avenue	Inventory Number: M: 28-7-6									
Address: 17816 New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650)	Historic district: yes X no									
City: Ashton Zip Code: 20861	County: Montgomery									
USGS Quadrangle(s): Sandy Spring										
Property Owner: Metro Service LLC To	ax Account ID Number: 08-00715153									
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 520 Tax Map Number	r:JT342									
Project: MD 108 at MD 650 Intersection Improvements Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration										
Agency Prepared By: Maryland State Highway Administration										
Preparer's Name: Melissa Hess and Stacey Streett	Date Prepared: 10/31/2006									
Documentation is presented in:										
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended	X Eligibility not recommended									
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B	CDEFG									
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to	to a NR district/property:									
Name of the District/Property:										
Inventory Number: Eligible:yes	Listed: yes									
ite visit by MHT Staff yes X no Name:	Date:									
Description of Property and Justification: (Please attach map and photo)	0									
17816 New Hampshire Avenue is located within the crossroads community of Ashton in western Montgomery County, approximately ten miles north of Washington, D.C. Ashton is one of several villages within the roughly one hundred-square miles of the greater neighborhood of Sandy Spring. Ashton, along with other crossroads communities such as, Brookeville, Brighton, Brinklow, Ednor, Norbeck, and Olney, developed as small commercial and residential centers that served the surrounding rural region. These communities had ties to the Quaker village of Sandy Spring, which offered community institutions such as banks, an insurance company, a meetinghouse, and various clubs and social groups. Located less than a mile away, Ashton had a particularly strong affiliation with Sandy Spring.										
In 1860, Charles Porter and Caleb Stabler opened a general store on the southwest corner of the intersection of present-day New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650) and Olney-Sandy Spring Road (MD 108). The store was the nucleus of what would become Ashton. Other important services in the village included the shops of a wheelwright, a blacksmith, a tinsmith, a carriage maker, and a cobbler, and scales for weighing produce and livestock. The crossroads may also have been the site of a slave market. In its early years, Ashton was known as Porter's Corner. In 1889, Ashton became the village's official name with the establishment of a post office, which was located in the general store. The name is said to be a derivative of the names of two nearby country estates,										
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From the 1880s to the 1920s, more homes were built in Ashton, beginning with the construction of several Victorian style homes and later with the addition of several bungalows. Ashton remained a rural crossroads until the second half of the twentieth century, when the intensifying suburban growth of Montgomery County altered the village character of Ashton. New housing developments were constructed in the Ashton vicinity and several historic buildings within the town's core were demolished. In the 1980s, a commercial strip mall was built on the northwest corner of the town's main intersection, as well as a bank and several gas stations.

According to tax records, 17816 New Hampshire Avenue was constructed in 1901. Between the 1920s and 1972, the dwelling was the home of Ashton residents, Dr. Louis T. Bussler and his wife Anna Snowden Bussler. Dr. Bussler was an early aviator and a member of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, an international organization founded in 1905 dedicated to the field of aviation. Next door to the Busslers' residence, in the building currently occupied by the Cricket Bookstore (17800 New Hampshire Avenue), Dr. Bussler built a research laboratory. During World War II, the Bussler's outfitted the laboratory building to serve as a possible refuge for evacuated Washington, D.C. residents, in the case of an attack on the nation's capital. The building later served as a pharmacy and as a home to the Ashton Post Office.

17816 New Hampshire Avenue is located south of MD 108 and on the west side of New Hampshire Avenue. The building has undergone substantial modifications due to its conversion from residential to commercial use. Shipley Plumbing, a plumbing business, currently occupies the former Colonial Revival style dwelling. The building is a four-bay-wide by two-bay-deep, side-gable, concrete and frame building. The original footprint of the building is rectangular, but now has an asymmetrical footprint from multiple modern additions on the rear (west) elevation. The original portion of the building is clad in painted, scored concrete, and the additions are clad in vinyl siding. The roof is covered in standing-seam metal, except for an enclosed, shed-roof portion on the rear and a side-entry porch roof on the north elevation, which are covered in asphalt shingles. Fenestration on the façade consists of symmetrical rows of original, six-over-six, double-hung, wood-sash windows covered by storm windows. Modern, one-over-one, double-hung replacement windows are located on the side elevations, and a row of single, plate-glass windows are installed on a portion of the rear addition. Gabled dormer windows punctuate the east roof slope. The dormer windows and gable lights are the same sash configuration as on the building's facade.

The main entrance is slightly off-center on the façade. A semi-circular awning shades the entry bay, which is reached by a poured-concrete walkway. The main portion of the building that includes the entrance is three bays wide. A slightly smaller, two-story, one-bay-wide, side-gable wing projects from the north elevation. A side-entry porch bay is located on the north elevation of the side wing, and a one-story, enclosed, shed-roof porch projects off of the west elevation of the side wing. Adjacent to this projecting wing, is a first-story, full-width, enclosed, shed-roof porch, which extends across the rear of the main portion of the building. The rear (west) slope of the roof is pierced by a skylight and ventilation pipe. The south elevation features a modern wood deck and staircase. A poured-concrete walkway runs parallel to the north and west elevations, bordering along a gravel driveway and parking lot. A modern, prefabricated, two-bay-wide, metal garage is located behind the house next to the parking lot. Foundation plantings of shrubs and flowers border the façade of the building.

In October 2006, the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) contacted the current owner of 17816 New Hampshire and requested permission to document the interior of the building per a request from the Maryland Historical Trust. The owner denied access to the interior and also requested that SHA not enter the property to take exterior photographs. SHA photographed the exterior of the building from the public right-of-way and from an adjacent private property.

17816 New Hampshire Avenue lacks historic integrity. The property maintains its historic location on the west side of New Hampshire Avenue in the village of Ashton. However, the property's setting has been substantially altered. Many of the mature

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rees that surrounded the property up until the late twentieth century have been removed and the majority of the side and back yards have been paved with gravel. The property's design has been modified by the introduction of three additions, modern wood decks and exterior staircases, and a skylight. Many of the building's historic materials have been removed or obscured, including the removal of shutters, the removal of original windows on the side and rear elevations, and the installation of vinyl siding. Examples of historic workmanship that are still evident include the scored concrete façade and the remaining six-over-six, double-hung sash windows on the facade. The property's feeling as a Colonial Revival residence and its association with the turn-of-the-century residential growth of Ashton are no longer apparent due to the property's conversion from residential to commercial use and a lack of overall architectural integrity.

17816 New Hampshire Avenue is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The property is not eligible under Criterion A. While the property was associated with the late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential growth of Ashton, this trend does not constitute a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. Furthermore, this association in no longer apparent due to the property's lack of historic integrity. The property is not associated with the lives of persons significant in our past and is not eligible under Criterion B. While the Busslers were long-term residents of Ashton, their activities are not demonstrably significant within a local, state, or national context. The property is not eligible under Criterion C, as it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic value. The building is an undistinctive example of a common architectural form found throughout the vicinity and lacks architectural integrity. The property is not an element of a larger significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction, such as an historic district. On January 2, 2002, the Maryland Historical Trust determined that the Ashton Survey District (M:28-7), which includes 17816 New Hampshire Avenue, was not eligible for the NRHP. The property was not evaluated under Criterion D.

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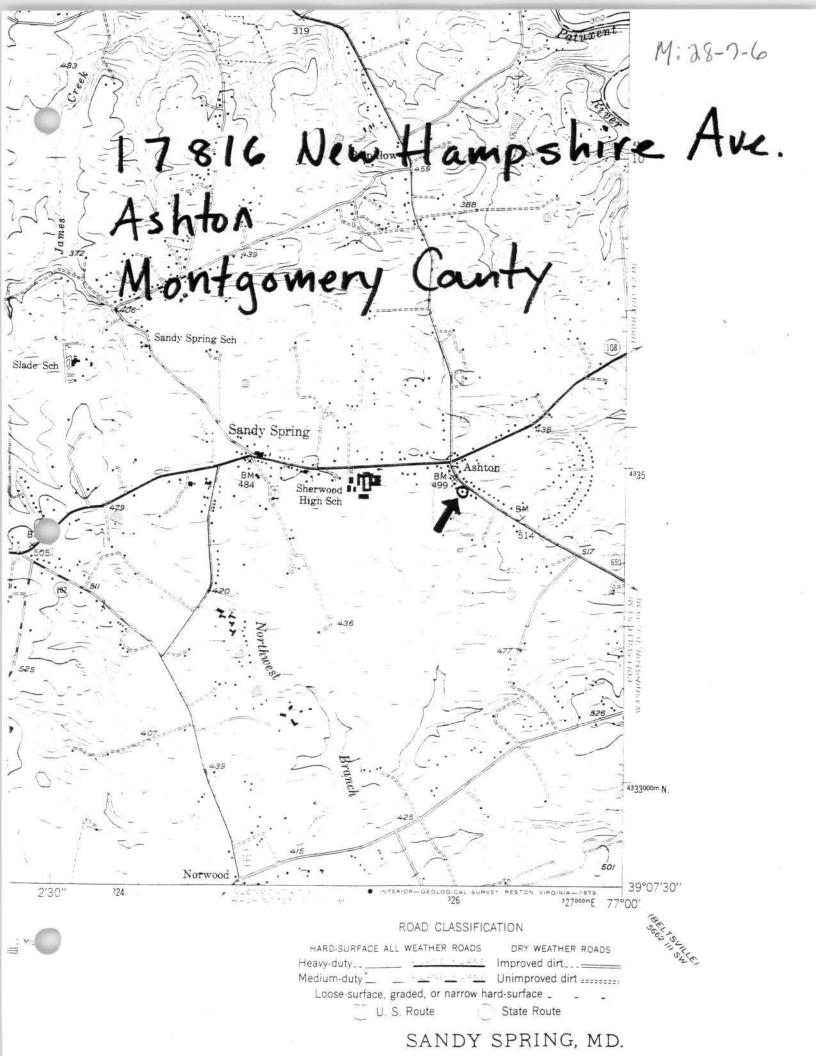
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